

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: TANGENTIAL DISCHARGE DISK REFINER, the specification of which

☒ [ X ] is attached hereto.

☐ [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a), and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows: None.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also

identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Foreign Application(s) |                   |                        | Priority Claimed         |                          |
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| <u>None.</u>                 |                   |                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (Number)                     | (Country)         | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | Yes                      | No                       |
| <u>          </u>            | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (Number)                     | (Country)         | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | Yes                      | No                       |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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| <u>None.</u>                   |                   |   |
| (Application<br>Serial Number) | (filing date)     | (Status--patented,<br>pending, abandoned) |
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| (Application<br>Serial Number) | (filing date)     | (Status--patented,<br>pending, abandoned) |

And I hereby appoint Theodore J. Long, Jeffrey S. Ward, David R.J. Stiennon, Jeffrey W. Smith, and Patrick J.G. Stiennon, of Lathrop & Clark LLP, 740 Regent Street, Suite 400, P.O. Box 1507, Madison, Wisconsin, 53701-1507, (608) 257-7766, Patent Office Registration Nos. 20648, 33212, 33455, and 34934 respectively, as well as Raymond W. Campbell and Gerald Mathews at the Beloit Corporation, One St. Lawrence Avenue, Beloit, Wisconsin, 53511-6270, (800) 723-5648, Patent Office Registration Nos. 29902 and 24575 respectively, my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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